

Memorandum

To : Advice Meeting Participants

Date : May 28, 1985

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From : FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Mary Ann

Subject Request for Technical Assistance

On May 23, Palmer Madden called with the following question:

Smith and Jones put on a fundraiser for candidate X at Jones' house. The total cost of the fundraiser was \$499. They split the costs. Has Smith made a contribution to candidate X?

Government Code Section 82015 states "...The term "contribution" does not include a payment made by an occupant of a home or office for costs related to any meeting or fundraising event held in the occupant's home or office if the costs for the meeting or fundraising event are five hundred dollars (\$500) or less."

What if later, Smith decides to hold a fundraiser in his own residence for candidate X, or helps some other person hold a fundraiser by splitting the costs, is Smith limited to \$250 or will all the costs related to the fundraiser become a contribution???

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ANSWER: The amount Smith pays is considered a contribution to candidate X.

If later Smith decides to hold a fundraiser in his own residence for candidate X, the cite of Gov. Code Section 82015 above, applies.